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Briefly

Fish, bake sale

The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church will hold a fish fry and bake sale from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Madison Recreation Center, Seventh Street and Lee Avenue. The menu includes hand-breaded cod, spaghetti or french fries, slaw, bread, a dessert and a beverage.

Overnight event

The Tri-City Area YMCA, 876-7200, will hold a "sleep-over" for young people aged six to 12 on Friday, March 26.

The event, which costs \$10, will begin at 9 p.m. Friday and all young people should be picked up by their parents by 8 a.m. Saturday.

Activities include swimming, gym games and racquetball. Youngsters will receive a t-shirt, towel, gym shoes and sleeping bag or blanket. Registration is limited to 75 and the deadline is 6 p.m. Friday.

Health fair set

The Pontoon Beach Neighborhood Task Force will hold a community health and resource fair from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Senior Citizen Center on Highway 110.

Information will be available on first-aid, AIDS awareness, blood pressure and many other topics, with presentations by Piasa Health Care, Madison County Department of Transportation, Pontoon Beach Police, Family Services and Visiting Nurses, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Coordinated Youth and Fire and Ambulance services.

Deaths

Forrest Barnett
Irene Haug
Deneida Holzum
Julianna Kukarola
Mary Mitchell
Robert Simpson
William Snedecor
Floyd Taylor
Shelila Willis

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Lottery

Results in Illinois were:
March 24: 4-5-6; Pick 4: 8-1-3
Little Lotto Game
03-05-15-24-28
Lotto 2
13-27-28-41-44-51
March 25: 0-9-4; Pick 4: 0-4-8-8
Little Lotto Game
08-14-21-22-34
March 26: 2-4-7-1
Lotto Game
11-27-32-41-42-51

75 years ago

March 26, 1918
Sgt. Matthew Wayman of the Canadian Army held a crowd of about 2,000 spellbound in a cold wind for nearly an hour as he described life, death and conditions in the trenches in France. The speech was part of an effort to sell Liberty Loans as an investment in the United States.

Trivia

How many Illinois jobs depend on foreign exports?

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Council seeks ruling on Selph agreement

By Bob Slaten
Staff writer

The Granite City Council wants a Madison County judge to determine if Mayor Von Dee Cruse and Police Chief Don Knight have legal authority to act on behalf of the city by entering into a secret agreement with a former city employee.

The City Council on Tuesday night voted unanimously to direct the city's attorney staff to file a request for declaratory judgment on behalf of the city, asking whether a retirement agreement between Cruse, Knight and former Assistant Police Chief Ron Selph is binding on the city.

At issue is whether or not

Cruse and Knight had the authority to enter the agreement on behalf of the city without City Council approval.

City attorney staff to file a complaint, and seek an "immediate, expedited hearing" to determine the city's rights and obligations relating to the separation.

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Voter registration rising to new levels

A surge in Madison County registered voters has not tapered off since the November election, which featured a three-way race for president.

Pocketbook issues, including several tax referendums on the April 20 ballot, may be the reason for sustained voter turnout.

"It's really surprising that we've had a lot of activity. It was so active for the presidential election that we sort of thought it might be off. But no; it doesn't seem to be," Madison County Clerk Evelyn Bowden said.

Workers in her office logged 142,000 voters as of Monday morning, the last day to register for the April 20 election. The final figure won't be known for several days.

Records were smashed last fall when intense interest in a three-way presidential campaign, including independent H. Ross Perot.

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At the bottom County housing authority rated among state's worst

A federal survey has ranked the Madison County Housing Authority as among the worst in Illinois.

As a result of being ranked 78th of 85 in the state, the Madison County Authority has been placed on a zone of probation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

High vacancy rates and inadequate rent collections are the main problems cited by HUD officials in giving the agency a score of 59.97 of a possible 100 points, according to Paul Schuler, director of the Madison County Housing Authority.

Schuler said the rating was cause for concern, but not alarm.

The authority's score is only three-hundredths of a point below passing. Schuler said, and the agency has been placed on probation since HUD graded the authority. Many more improvements will be made, he said.

The Madison County Authority, along with eight other public housing agencies in Illinois, was classified as "troubled" for scoring fewer than 60 points on the 100-point scale.

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DUI drivers would need sober breath to start car

SPRINGFIELD — Motorists convicted of driving under the influence would have to "blow start" their cars under a bill approved by a House committee.

The bill requires the secretary of state to launch a pilot program using a Breathalyzer-type device that interlocks with a car's ignition system.

Judges would order the device installed in the cars of convicted drunk drivers who receive restricted driving permits.

The driver must blow into the device before starting the car. If the machine reads an unacceptable blood-alcohol level, the car will not start.

"This approach has worked successfully in 23 other states and Canada," said Sen. Jim Sponier, D-Chicago, said. "These other states and countries have experienced three times lower DUI recidivism rates for offenders using the device, as compared to other DUI offenders."

Co-sponsor Rep. John Sheehy, D-Tinley Park, said similar programs work in other states because they allow people to drive to work but keep them off the road if they become intoxicated.

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Police log

Granite City

Husband is arrested

Eric A. Gehr, 24, of the 2100 block of Grand Avenue, was arrested at 2:08 p.m. March 22 for domestic battery.

He is alleged to have banged the head of his estranged wife against a wall, grabbed her arm and pushed her around in an incident in the 2500 block of Sheridan Avenue.

Erratic driver charged

Michael McCoy Sr., 41, of St. Louis was arrested at 1:21 a.m. March 22 for driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane usage and driving without liability insurance.

An officer reported seeing a white 1985 Ford Mustang being driven erratically in the downtown area.

McCoy, the driver, took three field sobriety tests, declined to take a breath analysis test and

Benefit for police video

Local police and fire departments are going to court in an effort to slam-dunk drunken driving.

A charity basketball game dubbed Guns N' Hoses will pit eight police departments against six fire departments Friday to raise money for buying video-camera equipment for police to document allegedly drunken drivers on tape.

"We're really excited about it," said Carolyn Deardorff, president of the Madison County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, which is sponsoring the game. "This is our first game and we hope to make it an annual event. There are quite a few good players, so

it should be real entertaining."

The game is at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium of Civic Memorial High School. Admission is \$2 and raffle tickets are \$1. Tickets will be available at the door.

"We have a Michael Jordan autographed basketball to raffle away and tons of other prizes donated by local businesses," Deardorff said.

The game has attracted several members from local departments interested in strutting their stuff on the court, she said.

"Some of these guys are going to be pretty tough competition," she said. "We knocked the quarters down to six minutes each just in case they get worn

out, I didn't want it to be a a

Several of the players attended a practice game Sunday to get a feel for their teammates, she said.

"I'm afraid the way it looks now, the firefighters are going to be tough to beat," she said.

Unless the police have some surprises up their sleeves, I'm pulling for the Hoses."

The charity game will feature players from the Alton, Bethalto, Granite City, Madison Brook, and Venice fire departments and police officers from Bethalto, Venice, Roxana, East Alton, Hartford, Collingswood and Madison as well as Madison County sheriff's deputies.

—From the Alton Telegraph

could result in withheld federal funds if the city of the agency by another housing authority, HUD officials said.

Jackie Bone, director of administration for the Madison County Housing Authority, said the authority was requested to sign a "memorandum of agreement" with HUD stipulating goals the authority would reach by June 1994 concerning vacancy rates, rent collections, modernization and other policies.

Last spring, the Madison County authority received a preliminary score of 54.5 but that was upgraded to 59.7 after the authority appealed. The new score, however, was not enough to remove the agency from "troubled" status.

Statewide, the Chicago Housing Authority was at the bottom of the list with a score of 33.58. The Richland County Housing Authority was No. 1 with a 99.25 score.

The Alton Housing Authority, which operates four housing projects, ranked in the top half of agencies in Illinois, with a score of 81.0 points.

The scores covered the fiscal year ending March 31, 1992.

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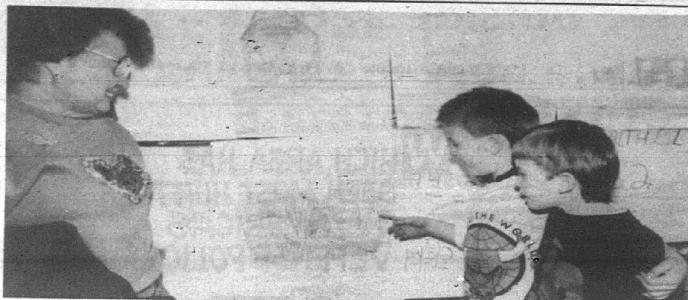
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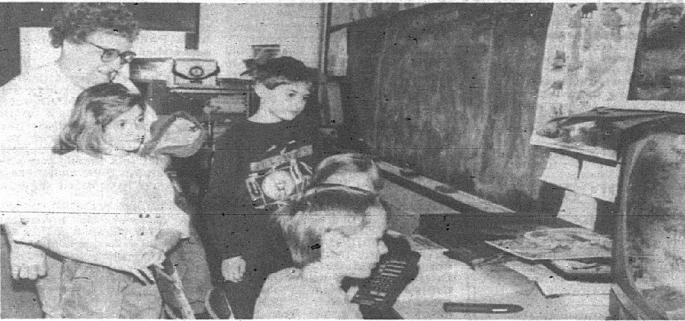
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Lunchtime — Grandparents recently joined their grandchildren for lunch and a tour of the school at Niedringhaus School. Above, Matt Davis, 8, center and his best friend Matt Burr, 9, show Davis' grandmother, Charlie Vunovic, left, a poster Davis made in class. In photo below, LaManda Knight, 9, Sr. and Barbara Schwertmann. In second photo from bottom, Sharon Jackson, left, enjoys lunch with granddaughter Jo McNeish, 10. In bottom photo, Valara Schorheide, left, watches a video in her adopted grandchildren's class with Elyssa Phillips and Ben Phillips.



FACES IN THE CROWD
(Staff photos by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)



THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

When a person takes out automobile insurance in Illinois, the policy must provide for uninsured motorist coverage. The purpose of this provision is to protect the driver and passenger from his own insurance company. If his car is struck by an uninsured vehicle, what happens, however, if the person's car is not actually struck by the uninsured vehicle but rather is merely run off the road? Can the insured driver in this situation collect under his own policy?

Illinois law is clear that an insured driver cannot collect under the "hit-and-run" provision of his own uninsured motorist coverage unless there is "physical contact" between the unidentified driver and the insured driver. Thus where an unidentified vehicle forces the driver with insurance off the road, the insured cannot recover under his policy for his injuries caused by this phantom vehicle.

This requirement of "physical contact" between the vehicles may seem rather harsh. In some cases, it may result in a driver suffering severe injuries having no hope of recovery simply because his car was not actually struck by the unidentified vehicle. The reason for this requirement of contact is so that an injured

person will not simply blame his injuries on a non-existent driver and thus collect under his own policy. By requiring physical contact between the vehicles, the Illinois Courts have reduced the potential for fraud in auto accident cases.

What happens, however, if the unidentified vehicle strikes a rock in the road and throws it through the windshield of the insured driver, thereby causing an accident? Or what happens if the phantom vehicle throws a lug nut off its wheel and causes the other driver to lose control of his car by hitting the vehicle? In both these situations, Illinois Courts have found "physical contact" and thus allowed coverage under the uninsured motorist provision of the victim's own policy.

The Courts have held that there need not be a direct physical touching between the hit-and-run vehicle and the insured automobile before the "physical contact" condition is satisfied. Indirect physical contact with any part of the unidentified vehicle will satisfy the "physical contact" requirement so as to allow the driver to collect under his own policy.

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Chouteau Township salaries cut; tax hike may be averted

By Bob Slaten
Staff writer

In an attempt to avoid the need to increase property taxes, Chouteau Township elected officials will take a 10 percent pay cut next year.

The Township Board voted 4-0 Monday night to cut the salaries of elected township officials 10 percent across the board.

"As it exists today, officials' salaries are more than we're taking in. The fund balances are gone," Supervisor Morris Miles told the Town Board on Monday night.

"Based on receipts and disbursements before next year, someone's going to have to borrow money to raise taxes," Miles said. "If the people want to see their taxes raised, that's fine. But I'm presenting an alterna-

tive plan."

While Miles proposed a 14 percent pay cut for the four trustees and a 10 percent cut in the supervisor's salary, the trustees voted to cut all salaries by 10 percent, except



Miles

of the treasurer of the Road and Bridge Fund, which they cut to \$500 annually from \$600.

The supervisor also acts as treasurer.

The trustees also voted to be paid on a per-month rather than per-meeting basis, and to reimburse expenses of the supervisor, road commissioner and clerk based on 25 cents per mile rather than a flat \$50 per month.

Town Clerk Pat Polley, who is running against Miles for supervisor in the April 20 election, said she welcomes the decrease in pay.

"I'm a candidate for supervisor. I would be happy to accept the lower salary because the funds are just not there," Polley said.

According to Miles, the Town had receipts of \$747,728 last year, while disbursements were nearly \$123,000. The town had a reserve balance of \$78,115 at the beginning of the year, but that figure has dipped to less than \$29,000 after the course of the year, Miles said.

Officials' salaries amounted to \$50,200 for 1992-93, Miles said.

In addition to the supervisor, a clerk, assessor, collector, highway commissioner and four trustees are to be elected next month.

Jail leaks may lead to new roof

One year before it's paid for, the Madison County Jail is starting to deteriorate and give its owners a major headache.

Sheriff's Department personnel and county officials have been dodging dozens of roof leaks for the last several weeks, leaks that have been aggravated by recent heavy snow and rain, county officials said.

"It's been giving us problems all along. We made temporary repairs, patching it up, but here lately it's given the sheriff more serious problems," said Madison County Board Member H. Jack Frandsen, of Alton.

In response to leases from Sheriff Bob Churchill, the County Board will seek bids on a new roof for the 158-bed jail, built for

\$45 million in 1978.

Detectives have been draping plastic over their desks to shield them from falling water, and prisoners have to watch their footing in some areas because of large puddles and slick spots, the sheriff told the County Board last week.

A cost estimate for the new roof was not available, but some board members suggested the county may have to pay upward of \$100,000 to get a new roof.

Officials said they would consider replacing the existing flat roof with a truss roof, which allows water to run off.

"We were told by the architect when we built it that a flat roof would leak one way or another," Frandsen said. "He told us

that if he knew a way to stop a flat roof from leaking, he'd be a millionaire," the sheriff said. "I chose the flat roof because it was considerably cheaper than a truss roof."

Homeowners are still paying off the bonds issued to finance the jail's construction.

A special 1.74-cent tax rate will expire next year when the bonds are paid off. The jail tax costs the owner of a \$75,000 house assessed at \$25,000 about \$4.35 a year.

The money for a new roof will probably have to come out of the county's \$10.9 million surplus, officials said. The 1.74-cent rate cannot be diverted to other uses.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Flinn blocks tax 'rollback' proposal

By Mike Mosser
Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD—Rep. Monroe Flinn blocked a property tax "rollback" bill in a House committee Thursday, calling the bill nothing more than a publicity stunt.

"It's a great ballyhoo and it sounds great, but it's a bill that should never have been introduced," Flinn said.

"It would've cost the state of Illinois tons and tons of money that we don't have."

Sponsored by Rep. Ralph Capparelli, D-Chicago, the bill would have rolled local property tax assessments back to their 1988 levels and other taxes to their 1987 levels.

A local government would need a referendum of 60 percent of the voters to raise taxes beyond those levels.

Flinn said it would have been easy for him to vote for the bill and say he's in favor of reducing taxes, but he knew what certain defeat by either the legislature or the governor's veto.

He said anyone who voted for the bill would quietly hope that it eventually would fail because the state would have to cover the loss in funds that local municipalities would suffer.

Right now, the state itself is short of funds, he noted. —

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All ten candidates for mayor to debate

All 10 Granite City mayoral candidates in the April 20 election have agreed to participate in a public debate next month.

The debate, sponsored by the Granite City Press-Record/Journal, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 5, in the Granite City High School Auditorium.

Citizens who wish to have their question asked should submit the question in writing to Debate Chairman, Granite City Press-Record/Journal, 1111 Dahlia, Alton, Granite City, IL 62040. Questions should include the name, address and telephone number on the question.

Questions to be asked will be selected by a panel of newspaper reporters and editors, who will then ask the candidates the questions at the debate.

The 10 candidates for mayor, in ballot order, are Alderman Paul Fisk, Alderman Jeff Worrell, Alderman Walter Milton, businessman and local builder Dan McGuire, restaurant owner Archie Lupardo, Alderman Dan Brown, Joseph McGinnis, former assistant police officer Ron Selph, James Bailey Sr. and Steve Boiling.

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Opinion

Editorials

Secrecy by city unjustified

While an informed electorate is a wonderful thing in theory, in practice — when the watchdog press is nipping at your heels — it apparently can be quite frightening.

That was demonstrated by two stories appearing in last week's *Press-Record*. In one story, the Granite City Council, after a lengthy closed discussion, released a secret agreement between Mayor Von Dee Cruse, Police Chief Ron Knight and former Assistant Police Chief Ron Selph. In the other, the Granite City Board of Fire and Police Commissioners is asking a judge to seal the transcripts of one of its hearings because, if they are made a public record, the newspaper might print them.

The secrecy, in both cases, was, or is, officially termed "in the public's best interest." In other words, the public would be hurt if it knew everything. Is such a thing — harmful information — really possible?

While government answers directly, and only, to the people, it would be ludicrous to believe that government should do everything out in the open.

If a government body is negotiating labor contracts, considering little more than studying land acquisition or discussing possible legal settlements, it should be done in absolute secret. In addition, how could it possibly be in the taxpayers' interest, for example, if everyone doing business with the city knew in advance the top price the city was willing to pay and charged accordingly?

Making this type of information public would make the taxing body, and the public paying the bills, the ultimate dupe.

Discussions leading to hiring, firing, promoting or demoting employees should be held in secret. Police investigations in progress must be kept secret. The existence of ongoing undercover operations and identity of undercover officers must be kept secret.

But all of these are "works-in-progress" and in each case the final action must, logically and legally, be a matter of public record.

In general, once it's a "done deal," the wraps come off. The contract is signed after concessions on both sides, the price paid is less or more than hoped, the employee is promoted for being outstanding or fired for being below average, the undercover officer testifies in open court.

But in some cases, as in the two cases in the *Press-Record* last week, an official decision has been made to keep the wraps on even after the final action has been taken.

To people in the news-gathering business, an official secret sends up a red flag. The sheer quantity of public information forces news-gathering organizations to filter it before looking at it or even asking for it. It is possible to hide almost anything under the tons of gibberish and legal mumbo-jumbo that accompany our basic government by bureaucracy.

So why would a government body or official go out of the way to make something a secret? Is there something to hide?

The agreement involving Selph easily falls into the category of legal mumbo-jumbo. If its existence were known at the time of his retirement, it would probably have gotten little more than passing mention in a news story about an investigation of the Granite City Police Department finding no prosecutable offense and calling speculation about any potential wrongdoing a disservice to Selph and to the department.

The only damning thing about the agreement is the fact it was made in secrecy and specifically binds all parties to it to secrecy. What is it that these three know that could hurt the public if it found out? Why go out of your way to make something secret unless there is something to hide?

Regarding the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, news-gatherers have copied the transcripts of its hearings in the past, but only rarely. Unlike the dramatic hearings in novels and on television programs, in real life even the most exciting hearings don't merit bit-by-bit, word-for-word coverage. It would be neither informative nor entertaining.

In most cases, a news-gatherer receiving a transcript will read it, see that it confirms the findings released by the board, and throw it in a file. It is rare that anything found in a transcript will lead to a new story.

Why is this transcript different? It may not be. The chances are that, after wading through the gibberish and legal verbiage, the board's findings will be confirmed and the transcript will go in a file.

So why is the board going out of its way to keep this transcript a secret? What in the transcript will hurt the public to know? What does the board want to hide?

In both of these cases, the public has a right to know enough to at least ask intelligent questions. Even if the answer is "None of your business," a public body, or public official, should be made to give that answer.

Having the secret agreement, we know to ask: "Why was this agreement made?" "What led to the agreement?" and perhaps a host of other questions.

Those are important questions for a mayor, a police chief and a mayoral candidate. Even if answers aren't necessarily satisfactory, the electorate, receiving some of the information it needs to make an intelligent decision about how, and by whom, it wants to be governed.

If the transcripts are released, they will also raise important questions. The biggest one may well be, "Why was this ever a secret in the first place?"

Having an informed electorate means more than keeping the people informed when things are done. The electorate, the people, must also understand how and why.

It may be that government bodies or officials believe in some instances that the end has justified the means, even though the means may have been a little rough and ugly. It may be, in some situations, they are right and the electorate will agree with them.

But the electorate can't agree with something it doesn't know. For that reason, the hard questions about how and why things were done must be raised and answered.

Election letters deadline set

Editor's note:

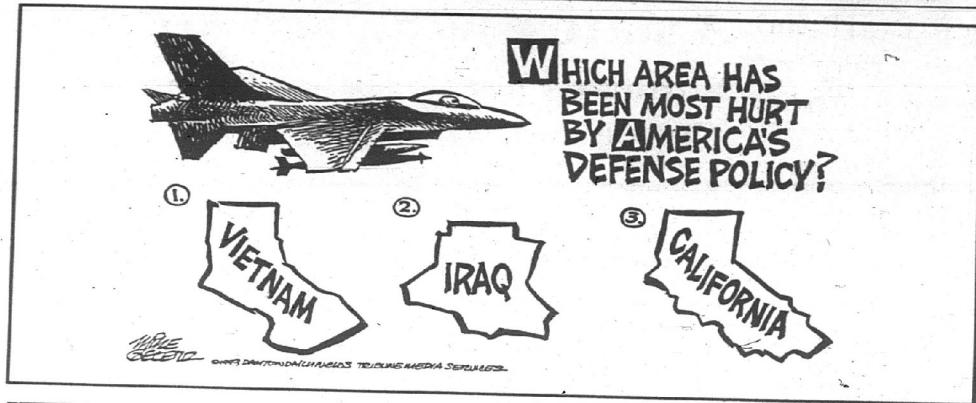
In an effort to ensure fairness in coverage, letters to the editor regarding the upcoming municipal election will only be accepted until March 15.

Candidates specifically named in letters received before and printed after the deadline will be given the opportunity to respond to specific allegations.

Those letters will be subject to meticulous scrutiny and no letters regarding the election will be printed in the April 18 issue.

Letters to the editor regarding topics other than the election will continue to be accepted and printed throughout the election period.

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Letters

Selph kind, able, loyal, dedicated

TO THE EDITOR:

With so many candidates running for mayor, I would guess that some folks are undecided as to who to vote for, particularly if they do not have the advantage of knowing any of the candidates personally.

I would like to share some facts concerning your readers about Ron Selph. I am in a position to know because I and my husband have been close to Ron and admired him for over 16 years. Karleen

My focus today is on Ron Selph, the man, instead of the political candidate, because I am sure that, by now, most residents have seen his ads or flyers which highlight his qualifications and his platform.

First, though, I feel compelled to make a comment about the big article about Ron in the March 18 issue of the *Press-Record*. I cannot imagine what or who instigated that article, since it was a simple rehash of an old matter that was reported in 1991 where it was found that no officer, including Ron, was guilty of any wrongdoing.

I have to wonder why the word "dealt" was used in that dramatic headline. That word has an unpleasant connotation to it in this instance and suggests something a little "hush-hush." Anyone who bought the paper in hopes of getting the truth on Ron must have been sadly disappointed because the article itself was certainly not exciting or revealing.

Ron was not guilty of anything then and he is not guilty of anything now, unless it is of being too nice a guy who doesn't believe in the mud-slinging that some political candidates resort to.

I can proudly say that Ron has always been a truly dedicated police officer and a credit to the force. As long as we've known him, he has displayed loyalty and responsibility in any capacity in which he served.

He has always shown integrity and the desire to do the right thing in any situation he found himself in.

Ron is as intelligent, plus down-to-earth and personable as anyone I have ever known. He will be an excellent negotiator and spokesman for the mayor's office.

As assistant police chief, he has a wealth of experience in dealing with the public, the press and TV interviewers. He will be a real asset when it comes to establishing a rapport with the aldermen and the other city officials with whom he will have to deal with concerning the city's needs and problems.

This man has a kind and compassionate heart which extends to all human beings and God's creatures.

Moderately would prevent him from telling you of the many underprivileged children he helped during his earlier years as the juvenile officer. He has given them money out of his own pocket many times so they could have some of the necessities that more fortunate children take for granted.

He would take them fishing or do whatever means of entertainment he thought they would enjoy, because often the children didn't have a dad in the home.

I remember one instance when an indigent boy was brought into the station for attempting to steal a Christmas tree from some other officers' chipper in and bought his family a chips and ornaments. Ron then went out and also bought a bunch of gifts

to make that little boy's Christmas complete.

Then there was the time he bought a neck and socks of groceries for a family who the man was out of work and could not find another job for a long time. That was when jobs were so scarce around here.

And there was another time he and another officer found a home female dog with a broken leg and together they paid all expenses for her surgery and treatment at a veterinarian's clinic. It was decided that the other officer would adopt the dog. As Ron already had two.

These are not exceptional instances of standards by which he lives his life year after year as a loving Christian person.

When he says in his fliers that he'll be a mayor who truly cares, he means it. He is ready, willing and able to come into that mayor's office, roll up his sleeves beginning with day one and concentrate on the business of getting our city's problems connected and he will always be available, any day, if you need to reach him.

I hope the readers will join in in casting a vote for Ron Selph on April 6.

There may be some folks who try to prevent Ron from being elected but they are not concerned about what's good for us or only what's good for them.

Let me assure them that what's good for us and that's Ron Selph. I predict he'll be the best mayor this city has ever had.

RUTH MITCHELL
Granite City

Band program at school is praised

TO THE EDITOR:

My husband and I had the privilege of attending the recent first annual concert presented by the Granite City High School Band, of which our oldest grandson is a member.

It made me very proud to see the continuance of the tradition of a fine instrumental music program in the Granite City schools.

As I looked around the audience, I saw faces of parents and grandparents who have shared an interest in the band spanning half a century.

It is this kind of support that makes the band program strong and the district second to none.

The first number on the program was a familiar Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture. The finale, the percussion section was featured on chimes and four bass drums represented the shouting of canons, complete with simulated fireworks done with lighting effects and organ accompaniment.

The conductor, Dennis E. Meyer, and the band received a well-deserved standing ovation from the capacity audience. It was an impressive production. Mr. Meyer selected a wide range of music for this special occasion.

The venerable Louis E. Meek, conductor emeritus, directed the band in the program. Mr. Meek's Overture to "La Forza del Destino," "Thirty-four band alumni joined the Concert Band for this number.

Terry Schaffer, former band director, directed the march, "In Storm and Sunshine." The remainder of the program was equally enjoyable.

In a day when numerous school districts are cancelling their arts programs, Granite City Community Unit School District 9, its superintendents, and members of the Board of Education are to be commended for their wisdom and foresight in continuing their support and pro-

motion of music education.

A student cannot be a completely educated individual learning only the "three R's." If the aesthetic side of life is neglected, the result will be as adult deprived of culture.

To the citizens of Granite City, I would say that we are getting our money's worth in the tax dollars going to our school district to support such a fine music program for our children and grandchildren. We can truly be very proud of our high school band.

CAROLYN KARRER
LEDEBTER, Granite City

Specialized staff saluted by lodge

TO THE EDITOR:

Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 272 would like to express thanks to the workers of Specialized Services.

They graced our lodge by bringing their people as our guests.

The Women of the Moose fixed and served a wonderful meal to these loyal people.

After the tables were cleared, a nice heart-shaped box of chocolates was given to each guest.

The officers of our lodge would like to take this opportunity to thank you and we are looking forward to doing this again in the future. May God take care of and bless these beautiful people.

FLOYD MILLER
Granite City

Brown displays skills, courage

TO THE EDITOR:

As a political observer who attends many public meetings, I am convinced that the Webster Dictionary is on target when it defines a politician as one primarily interested in political offices or the profit from them as a source of private gain.

As a registered voter living in a free society, on April 20 I exercised my privileges to vote in a civic election to elect a mayor to administer the affairs of our city government.

The list to choose from is unprecedented in number. In choosing, I will use the process of elimination based on events which I have witnessed, observed and read about in the

newspapers through the years of my interest in politics.

I prefer a mayor who possesses academic and enable him to provide good leadership and management skills, an administrator who has the courage to make changes to improve the quality of city government and still maintain public spirit.

I want the person to have Christian beliefs and a compassionate attitude toward his constituents.

Mr. Dan Brown will be my choice. His political experience, public spirit, fitness, ability and natural disposition fit my pattern of preferences.

On April 20, I ask all of my friends to join me at the polls to elect a man who will be our true friend and representative. Vote for Dan Brown for mayor.

ALEX TOTH
Granite City

Opposes secret pact on probe

TO THE EDITOR:

As an attorney, I find the secret deal between the City (of Granite City) and (former Assistant Police Chief Ron) Selph somewhat bizarre.

This type of secret deal does not benefit anyone, Mr. Selph, the city or the public in general. There indeed was a completed criminal investigation (involving Mr. Selph's conduct prior to his retirement) and it exonerated him, that fact should have been made known then and there and we would have been done with it.

If, however, the investigation was halted because of this secret deal, was evidence suppressed?

The City Council and the general public deserved to be aware of this secret deal this week (March 16).

At this time, the only way this episode can be resolved is in a manner that is fair to all parties concerned. Mr. Selph, our mayor and police chief, as well as the council and the public, is for a total release of the details of any completed investigation that exists, or the reinstatement of the investigation until such time as it is completed.

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Lifestyle

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Kitchen Band entertains senior group



Lucile Martin

Lucile Martin covers the Pontoon Beach scene for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 631-0731.

The Joyful Noise Kitchen Band, a group of senior citizens ranging in age from the mid 50s to 91 years of age, presented the entertainment Tuesday evening March 16, at the Pontoon Senior Citizen meeting.

Attendance prizes were won by Ralph Craycraft, Jeri Schieb and Orville Pickett. Challace Grigsby was presented a trophy for serving nine years as treasurer. It was announced the 1993 membership dues of \$10.00 were due by April 1. After April 1 a late penalty will be charged; dues will increase to two dollars. Dues paid after Aug. 1 the cost will be \$1.00. Members can still join for \$1. You must live in Pontoon Beach/Nameoki Township. Pot luck will be on Saturday, March 27, beginning at 5 p.m.

Attending the monthly meeting were Bob and Ginny Alford, Bill and Ruth Dagon, Otto and Corrine Kreher, Challace Grigsby, Lee Anderson, Ed and Gladene Ward, Joyce Everett and Alice Madison, Emeralda and Helen Dawes, Helen Niepert, Lois Snipes, Irene Karlechik, Mary Hasselbrock, Vera Bolton, Alvina Thuram, Robbie Wilson, Helen Miller, Orville Pickett, Ralph and Jeanne Craycraft, Mary Warren, Jim and Diane Hill, Walt and Joan Crowell, Jeri Schieb and Dorothy Watkins.

The Bunc Club held its monthly meeting at the home of Edna Bennett Wednesday evening. Members attending were Debbie Vincent, Robbie Wilson, Sally Kirby, Edith Rogaschuk, Vicki Johnson, Linda Arnold, Karen Lemler, Linda Arnold, Peggy Milton and the hostess.

An evening of fun and songs will be held at the First Baptist Church, 4000 Highway 116 at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 1. The Eells and their puppet friends will be performing with their music ministry.

Pontoon Senior Citizens met March 17 in the Senior Recreation Hall and enjoyed an afternoon of fun and games.

Attending were Bill Dagon, Edie Tapp, Bob and Ginny Alford, Irene Weber, Lee Anderson, Mary Venors, Challace Grigsby, Sheyl Fouch, Mable Stover, Jeri Schieb, Everett and Alice Madison, Birde Taylor, Name Meehan, Jeri Stephen, Louise Gunn, Fayne Rode, Ann Riddle, Mary McShay, Nellie Fouch, Irene McCaslin, Charles Lorentz, Betty McGinnis, Linda Coyle, Verne Shadach, Helen Hutch, Helen Clapp, Nancy Viseman, Ella Mairan, Sylvia Massman, Eloise Carrico, George and Gladys Bass, Laurree Purcell, Ruby Hocking, Edna Westcott, John Taralvaoja, Lorraine Martin, Arlene Aiston, Stanley and Loreta Golab, Helen Niepert, Mil Gross, Leona Bell, Florence Stewart, Jean Horstmeyer and Lottie Ostresh.

Recruiter wins Army's Gold Badge

Sgt. Cedric A. Broyles, recruiter for the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Cahokia, received the Army's Gold Badge Recruiting Award, with the first sapphire star recently.

The Gold Badge is awarded Army recruiters who achieve excellence in meeting recruiting standards, according to officials at the Recruiting Battalion headquarters in St. Louis.

Broyles is a 1983 graduate of Northwest High School in St. Louis and has been in the Army since 1983.

Broyles took his basic and advanced individual training at Fort Dix, N.J. His other military schools include the Primary Leadership Development Course and the Army Recruiting Course.

In addition to the Army's Gold Badge, his awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal; the Army Achievement Medal; the Good Conduct Medal; the Overseas Ribbon and the Army Service Ribbon.

He, his wife, Sheron, and their son reside at the Granite City Army Depot.

3 slates seeking Nameoki Township posts

Karlechik heads Concerned party

Candidates on the Concerned About Nameoki ticket are:

Irene Karlechik, 70, supervisor candidate, resides in the 4100 block of Lake Drive. She has a son and a daughter, both adults, and three grandchildren.

Born in St. Louis, Karlechik has been a resident of the area for 42 years. She is a retired secretary for the City School District 4.

She is currently a trustee, on the Pontoon Beach Village Board, and a trustee for the Long Lake Fire Protection District. She has been active in the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens group and the Belleville Area College Retired Staff Voluteer Program.

She lists her ability to relate to and solve any and all problems of the township as her qualifications, and said she will be available in the township regularly, as opposed to a part-time basis.

"I am willing to work with and listen to all the taxpayers of the township," Karlechik said.

Judy K. Merritt, 37, is the CAN candidate for clerk. She resides on Iris Avenue with her husband, Jack. They have a daughter, Mandy, age 12.

Merritt has resided in this area for 20 years, working as a state licensed cosmetologist and a college student. She has been manager of two local hair salons, a sales clerk and a small-business owner.

She is a committee member in Precinct 7, vice-chairman of the township committee, an executive board member of the Madison County Democratic Party.

A member of the Pontoon Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Gengsby Parent-Teacher Student Association, she is a member, commissioner and treasurer of the Pontoon Beach Library Board and a member of the Pontoon beautification committee.

Merritt cited her management experience, office and computer skills, and compassion and sincere concern for the community.

"With my qualifications, I will bring professionalism to the office of town clerk. The past and present clerks have passed their duties on to someone else. Consequently, the taxpayers pay two salaries for one position. This is a waste and another example of waste of tax money."

"I can't even imagine why we are paying someone to take and type the minutes of the meetings when that is not their job," Merritt said.

Loren Madison, 58, is the party's candidate for highway commissioner. He lives on Jones Park Drive, and has an adult daughter.

Born in Hartford, Madison has resided in this area for 43 years. He is a retired steelworker at Granite City Steel, has been a trustee in Pontoon

(See CONCERNED, Page 7A)

Ken Davis heads Improvement ticket

The Township Improvement Party ticket includes:

Ken Davis, 50, is running for supervisor. He and his wife, Janet, reside on Shirlwin Drive and have two sons.

Davis, a manager for the Sewerage Treatment Division of the Metro East Sanitary District, was born in Granite City and is a lifelong resident. He was self-employed for 10 years in the professional recruiting field.

President of Madison County Township Officials, he is chairman of the Nameoki Township Precinct Committeemen, chairman of the Horsemen Lake Resource Planning Committee and co-chairman of the Citizens for Equality in Property Taxes. A member of Elk Lodge 1063, he is a committee man in Precinct 7, and has been a township trustee since 1985.

Davis cited his 30 years of management in private business, his eight years on the Town Board, where he has served as chairman of the Finance Committee, and his leadership roles within his neighborhood, township and county associations as his qualifications.

"As supervisor, my top priority will be to continue to meet with area legislators and push vigorously for equitable changes in our property tax laws."

"As co-chairman of Citizens for Equality in Property Taxes, I am assisting the petition drive currently being conducted in the Metro East Sanitary District to require elected officials' salaries in order to emphasize the responsibility of elected officials to respond to the citizens they represent," Davis said.

"I also intend to boost the groundswell being formed in Illinois to bring property taxes under control. I will immediately examine our level of budgets and expenditures and make appropriate recommendations."

"It will also be a top priority to collect the taxes being held in escrow, plus the taxes now due, since initiating and winning the annexation litigation. This will not only continue but also further strengthen the financial stability of Nameoki Township," Davis said.

He said that improving drainage and stormwater control will be priorities to help enhance economic development, and that free health services for residents will become an annual event in the township.

Current supervisor Lee Ridgeway, 66, is seeking the office of clerk, which he has held for 30 years before becoming supervisor four years ago upon the retirement of Harry Briggs. He and his wife, Betty June, have two adult sons and reside on Victoria Drive in Pontoon

Born in Madison, Ridgeway has resided in the Pontoon Beach area for 32 years. He is in materials management at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and has worked for Shell Oil Co., has been a small businessman and has been in real estate. He is vice-chairman of the board for Processors Industrial Credit Union.

He cited his past experience as clerk, his ability to deal with people and his business management experience as qualifications.

"I believe I have the most experience and best qualifications for the job of Nameoki Township clerk, and I will work for the betterment of the township within the boundaries of the tax structure," Ridgeway said.

William "Bill" Ellis, 52, is the TIP candidate for highway commissioner. He and his wife, Sondra, live on Arlington Drive in

(See IMPROVEMENT, Page 6A)

Whitsell tops slate for Positive

The Positive Action Party slate consists of:

Louis "Lou" Whitsell, 56, is the PAP candidate for supervisor. He and his wife, Dell, a current trustee in the township, not seeking re-election, reside on Westgate Drive and have five daughters.

Whitsell has held public office for 25 years as a committeeman, township clerk, township supervisor, a Madison County Board member, and trustee on the Pontoon Beach Village Board. He is employed at Marquette Tool and Die Co. in St. Louis as chief engineer and tooling supervisor.

Whitsell is a member of Masonic Lodge 877, the Illinois Municipal League and Pontoon Beach Service Citizens. He served in the Marine Corps Reserve.

He cited his knowledge and experience as qualifications.

"I have organized and directed many programs that are successful for this area, such as the Madison County sewers, new fire stations and equipment for the Long Lake and State Park Fire Districts, a new building for Nameoki Township, mosquito abatement and trash and limb pick-up. I have drafted and received federal and state grants and never once raised township taxes, nor have I ever borrowed money for the township or road district, and always balanced the budget."

"The contrast is the zero interest or programs of the present township government that each year borrows money (against) next year's taxes just to make their payroll," Whitsell said.

Current supervisor Lee Ridgeway, 66, is seeking the office of clerk under the PAP banner. She and her husband, Robert, live in the 2600 block of Angela Drive and have two adult children.

Born in Detroit, Hawkins has resided in this area for 30 years. She is a teacher aide at Parkview Elementary School and was previously supervisor for Famous Barr. She is a member of the Women of the Moose Ellettes, POWER, the Citizens Utility Board, AMVETS Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, 113 and Pontoon Beach Service Citizens. She is a precinct committeeman and former trustee.

She cited her persistence, experience and willingness to work hard as qualifications.

"I think I am more qualified for the office because of my dedication to township government," Hawkins said.

Harry "Butch" Blockley, 47, candidate for highway commissioner, owns and operates B&G Auto Body at 4257 Reveille Lane in Pontoon Beach, where he and his wife, Renee, reside. They have two sons.

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YOUTH FOCUS: Would free contraceptives and information help reduce teen pregnancies? Why? Why not?

By Pam Doepke-Hurd.

Julie Goclan, Granite City

"No, I believe contraceptives should have no place in high schools. They should be taught in college. Teenagers who are responsible and mature enough to have sex should also be mature enough to obtain birth control on their own."

Tara Wyatt, Granite City

"Yes, I think free contraceptives and information would help reduce teen pregnancy. At first I thought that free contraceptives would promote more promiscuity in teens, but I decided that most teens that are having sex will do it anyway, even if free contraceptives aren't offered and they may not be using any protection."

In conclusion, free contraceptives would help reduce the liberated ideas, but in the long run might lessen teenage pregnancy."

Ann Marie Hewlett, Granite City

"Yes, I think free contraceptives would help reduce teen pregnancy. But I also believe that if students are not sexually active, they should also be mature enough to take care of these responsibilities on their own."

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"Yes and no. If you understand the importance and know how to use the contraceptives, 99 percent of the time it would work, but the other 1 percent of the time teenagers will end up pregnant or have a transmitted disease. So, be careful."

Sam Apponey, Madison

"Condom distribution would not slow down birth rates among teens. Some don't believe in this form of contraception, others would neglect them if they had them. Free condoms may sound good but they probably would not be used."

Derrick Hall, Madison

"If the school gives out free contraceptives, more people would have sex but less would get pregnant."

Cedric E. Wiley, Venice

"My opinion is that it would help reduce teen pregnancy. I think teens should get as much information about sex as possible. I think we should be more responsible. I also think that high schools should introduce students to a sex education class, to help reduce the big problem of teen pregnancy."

Marvin Rhodes, Madison

"Free contraceptives and information would be helpful if it was issued by the school, because kids at this age need to be enlightened on this very delicate subject."

Christina Mallach, Venice

"Yes, for some who are embarrassed to buy them, but not for those who at the moment don't want to bother with contraceptives."

Carla Corbett, Venice

"I think for the most part that it would reduce teen pregnancy. Most teens, I feel, are discouraged by the high price of the better contraceptives available."

Andrew Bradley, Venice

"Yes. Because it makes contraceptives more available to teens and more aware of the consequences of teen pregnancy."

Dan Clark, Granite City

"Yes, I think free contraceptives and information would help reduce teen pregnancy. Contraception is expensive, and teens would think about birth control more if it were free. Most teens are curious and are going to explore their sexuality. Free birth control would help the situation more than I can. Easy access to free information on teen pregnancy would be a good benefit. Along with helping in the prevention of teen pregnancy, it would also inform them on sexually transmitted diseases. Information and free contraception is a good idea worth investing in."

Matt Szarzinski, Madison

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NEWS

•Improvement

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Anita Wells, left, and her mother, Brenda Weston

Mom, daughter fulfill lifelong dream

Brenda Weston, 43, of Granite City and Anita Wells, 22, of Madison have more in common than the fact they are both Belleville Area College. Each is about to realize a lifelong dream — to be a nurse.

Weston and Wells are more than classmates too. Brenda and Anita Wells are mother and daughter. They both entered the nursing program at BAC in 1990 and will graduate this May.

"I have wanted to be a nurse ever since I was a little girl," said Weston. "I left high school before I graduated and got married."

She said she had three children and didn't have the time to go back to school. She took the GED (high school equivalency) in 1979 and her daughter, Anita, received a GED in 1989. She also left high school early to marry and has a four-year-old daughter.

Then my mother said she was going to school to become a nurse. I said I wanted to go too."

Now they both enjoy the

friendly competition to see who makes the highest grades.

"We usually flip-flop as to who gets the best grades," said Anita. "One time, I will do better on a test, then, the next time, she will."

Anita's daughter, Amber, didn't understand, at first, that her mother had to spend time studying. Now she knows the routine.

"She sits by me with her paper and pencil and does her homework," she said. "She has her own stethoscope. She said she is going to be a nurse, too."

Anita received a scholarship, a Pell Grant, and student loans to attend BAC. She plans to continue with college to earn a bachelors' degree after graduation from BAC.

Brenda worked at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City for nearly 11 years, as a nurses' aide and in the lab. She also received a scholarship and still works part-time at the hospital.

Both Anita and Brenda said they encourage their friends to take that first step to follow a dream.

Anita will be volunteering to do health screenings at the "Women of the '90s" conference on Saturday at BAC, 2500 Carlyle Road in Belleville.

Fashion and image consultant Mary Jo Macios, 58, will demonstrate her miracle makeovers for women of the '90s, while television anchor and reporter Jennifer Blome shares anecdotes about life on and off camera on the news net. The program begins with sign-in at 7:30 a.m. followed by exhibits and health screenings, and sessions of interest to women.

Tickets for the conference are \$25. Registrations are accepted in advance, by phone, with a credit card, at 233-7750, ext. 5545, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The conference will provide women with the opportunity to explore many topics according to organizers at BAC and Memorial Hospital in Belleville. "I don't think it's ever too late to go to school," said Brenda.

"It takes a lot of self-discipline, but it's worth it when you make your dreams come true."

SIUE professor is nominated for nursing award

Mary Ann Boyd, associate professor of nursing at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, has been selected as one of 16 finalists for the fourth annual Tribute to Missouri Nurses Awards.

Boyd was chosen from a field of 375 nominees. Applications for the nominees were divided into three categories: patient care, education/research and administration — and given to a selection committee for review. Most of the committee were provided with specific criteria, then each nomination was evaluated on its own merit. Fifteen finalists were chosen from that group, with special honors going

to three nominees from the patient care category, and one each from administration and education/research.

The finalists will be honored at a dinner April 24 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in St. Louis. At that time, those receiving special honors will be announced.

Boyd has been associated with the university since 1977. She holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Indiana University, a master of science degree in nursing from Washington University, a doctorate in nursing from the University of South Carolina and a doctorate in nursing from Indiana University. In addition, she is a certified

clinical specialist in adult psychiatric and mental health nursing through the Council of Specialists in Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing in Kansas City.

Boyd coordinates the University's Excellence Undergraduate Education Program, a initiative developed to support excellence in undergraduate scholarly activities.

"One of my top priorities is to continue to meet with area legislators to bring about equitable changes in our tax laws. As co-chairman of the Citizens for Equality in Property Taxes, I am assisting in the petition drive currently being conducted in the Tri-Cities area."

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He cited 32 years of management experience and 30 years of experience in maintenance and construction as his qualifications.

"If elected, I will work for quality work on roads and ditches, with emphasis on cost analysis and budgetary guidance for a better road structure for the road district," Ellis said.

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He and his wife, JoAnn, have six adult children.

Macios is a lifetime area resident. He retired in 1981 from McDonnell Douglas, where he was a cost engineer. He is a member of Triangle Fraternity for Architects and Engineers, a charter member of the Parkview Elementary School PTA and a member of Elks Lodge 1063.

He is committeeman in precinct 12 and has been the assessor since 1974. He also sits on the Granite City School Board from 1967-76 and has served as a trustee on the Town Board.

He cited his certification as an Illinois assessing officer as his Illinois assessing officer as his qualifications.

"As assessor, I will continue to provide quality services to all taxpayers, as I have done for the past 19 years. I will continue to look out for and work with the taxpayers and the citizens by providing them with a program that is required for Senate Bill 1790, the Homestead Act and the benefits of the Circuit Breaker," Macios said.

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Jeanette Wilson, 52, is seeking the position of tax collector. She and her husband, Jim, live in the 200 block of Beckwith Avenue in Madison and have three adult children.

Born in Tennessee, Wilson has been an area resident for 50 years. She is a secretary and manager for the Kinney Agency Inc.

Wilson said she is running in order to eliminate the position. "Since the collector position is a non-funded position in Nameoki Township, I am running in order to help fill a full slate of candidates. I will resign when elected, and ask the people of Madison County to go along with the Township Improvement Party and abolish the collector position by referendum," Wilson said.

Trustee candidates on the TIP ticket include Sam Stoyanoff, Wade Rollins, incumbent Trustee Steve Isenburg and current Highway Commissioner W. Lee Adams.

Stoyanoff, 62, resides on Pearl Court with his wife, Delores. They have two adult children.

Born in Granite City, he is a lifelong resident. He is a custodian for the Granite City School District, and retired after 35 years as an assistant general foreman at Alton and St. Louis Steel Foundries. He is a member of AMVETS Post 264 and Granite City Elks Lodge 1063.

He cited experience in administrative and budget work and strong motivational skills as qualifications.

"I feel that, as a taxpayer and a citizen, I will work for a fair and open government for all the people of Nameoki Township and an eye on tax monies wisely," Stoyanoff said.

Rollins, 78, and his wife, Hazel, live on Reveille Drive and have two adult children.

Born in Madison, Rollins has lived in this area for 71 years. He retired after 33 years of rail-

road work. He is a member of the Madison Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, Ainaid Temple Shrine and VFW.

He cited his administrative and supervisory experience and 15 years of business ownership as qualifications.

"I would like the opportunity to serve this community because I would work for an efficient operation of government for all the taxpayers in Nameoki Township," Rollins said.

Isenburg, 48, lives in the 4700 block of Rock Road and has a son and a daughter.

Born in Peoria, Isenburg has resided in this area for 40 years. He holds a bachelor of science degree from Illinois State University and a teacher at Carlinville Junior High School. He is past exalted ruler of Granite City Elks Lodge 1063.

He cited experience, dedication, knowledge, cooperation, and vision as his qualifications.

"I intend to continue current programs for bringing sewers and water to all township residents, an arm-and-a-drainage program, responsible residential and commercial growth, and tax relief," Isenburg said.

Adams, 59, and his wife, Elizabeth, live in the 4500 block of Highway 62. They have three adult children.

Born in Carthage, Tenn., Adams has lived in this area for 44 years. He has been a Teamster for 40 years, and has been employed by the Granite City School District for 32 years.

He served in the U.S. Army for four years, is a member of Masonic Lodge 877, Ainaid Temple Shrine and Tri-City Shrine Club, and is a past chief of the Legion Post 100. He served in the U.S. Army with 20 years of service. He has served as trustee in the past for 12 years, and has served as township auditor.

He cited his 20 years in township government as qualifications.

"I feel that, with 20 years of past experience serving Nameoki Township, I can and will do an excellent job as a trustee for the township," Adams said.

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The C.A.N. Team

Top row: Judy Merritt, Joe Garcia, Charlie Luehman, Loren Madison. Second row: Shirley Harper, Irene Karchela, Charlie Reed. Third row: Harold (Gene) Briggs, Jim Noeth.

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Beach for 22 years, and served for two years as the village treasurer.

He cited the fact that he is chairman of the Road Committee in Pontoon Beach as his qualifications.

"I intend to improve the services provided by the highway department to the people of Pontoon Beach," Madison said.

"I want to improve and operate a more efficient and better equipped department."

James Noeth, 61, candidate for assessor, resides in the 1400 block of Ivy Lane with his wife, Mildred. They have four adult children.

Born in Granite City, Noeth has resided in this area most of his life. He is in real estate management, and has worked at Granite City Steel and as an educator, a school counselor, a factory truck driver and an insurance broker. He received a bachelor of science degree in biology from Shurtleff College and a master's degree in education administration from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and has taken postgraduate classes in counseling and mathematics at Florida State University, the University of Missouri and SIU at Edwardsville.

Noeth is a member of the Granite City Rotary, Knights of Columbus, Elks, American Legion, Illinois Association of School Boards, and the PTA. He served on the board of the Organization for the Advancement of the Handicapped, Parents Plus and the Chamber of Commerce.

"He is committeeeman in Pre-

cinct 6, and serves on the Granite City School Board.

He cited his computer skills and real estate and insurance background as qualifications and said he plans to enroll soon in courses designed for assessors in order to meet all statutory requirements.

"I intend to modernize and streamline the local assessor's office, making it a professional office accessible to the public at the township building and with a computer linked to the county assessor's office to the county assessor," he said.

"I want to improve and operate a more efficient and better equipped department."

James Noeth, 61, candidate for

assessor, resides in the 1400 block of Ivy Lane with his wife, Mildred. They have four adult children.

Born in Granite City, Noeth has resided in this area for 30 years. She is a service merchandiser in St. Louis and has been a cosmetologist and in the past worked for Southwest Bell Telephone. She has taken an estate and computer programming course.

Harper is a member of the Lions Club and has served as a Red Cross volunteer.

"I have a sincere desire to eliminate the waste of the taxpayers' money, a knowledge of the public's concern and the ability to get the job done," Harper said.

"As the office of tax collector serves no purpose, I will petition for its abolishment and the position thus freeing up tax money that could be better used for other purposes," she said.

Trustee candidates on the CAN ticket are Charles Luehmann, Charles E. Reed, Harold "Gene" Briggs and incumbent Joseph Garcia.

Luehmann, 64, lives in Fairway Estates. He has five adult children.

Born in Nameoki Township, he has resided in this area all his life. He is a farmer and served in the U.S. Army for two years before being honorably discharged in January 1953. He was committeeeman in Precinct 7 from 1984-88.

He cited his activity in township and community affairs as his qualifications.

"I intend to improve services for all Nameoki Township residents," Luehmann said.

Reed, 61, and his wife, Nelda, live in the 2000 block of Skeen Street in Madison. They have five adult children.

Born in Collinsville, Reed has lived in this area for 60 years. He is a retired sewer worker and bus driver.

Chairman of the Cloverleaf/East Madison Fire District, he has been committeeeman in Precinct 2 since 1984, and is a Madison County Democratic Party board member.

"We need sewers in my area and in State Park. We need drainage in many areas of the township. It is time for someone from East Madison to be on the Township Board."

"I know the needs of Nameoki Township," Reed said.

"We need sewers in my area and in State Park. We need drainage in many areas of the township. It is time for someone from East Madison to be on the Township Board."

Briggs, 66, resides in the 3200 block of Wilshire Drive with his wife, Elizabeth. They have two adult sons.

Born in West Granite, Briggs has resided in this area all his life. A retired teacher and school administrator, Briggs is a former Madison County regional superintendent of schools.

He holds a bachelor's degree from McKendree College, a master's degree from SIU at Carbondale, an education degree from SIU at Edwardsville and an honorary doctor of laws degree from McPherson.

Briggs is a member of the Elks, Eagles, Madison AMVETS, Madison VFW, Retired Officers' Association and Phi Delta Kap-

He cited his 30 years of experience in decision-making and his knowledge of government as qualifications.

"The major part of my adult life has been devoted to serving others," Briggs said.

"I would like to continue this. I believe I have something to offer the people of Nameoki Township."

Garcia, 71, lives in the 2200 block of Miracle Avenue.

Born in St. Louis, he is a retired teacher. Garcia has resided in this area all his life. A retired teacher and school administrator, Garcia is a former Madison County regional superintendent of schools.

He cited his past record of service and qualifications.

"I have served Nameoki Township as committeeeman for 20 years and trustee for 12 years. During this time, I have served on many committees for the good of the township residents. I feel I have served to the best of my ability, honesty and integrity, and wish to continue to serve in this capacity," Garcia said.

Revival to start at Bethesda

Bethesda Baptist Church, 3035 Nameoki Drive, Granite City, will be in a spring revival beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning March 28. There will be nightly services at 7 p.m. March 28-31.

The evangelist for the event will be Rev. Leslie Atkins of Milington, Tenn. Rev. Atkins is a native of Granite City and graduated from the Granite City South High School.

Rev. Atkins is married and has two daughters. He has attended Hannibal-LaGrange College, in Hannibal, Mo., Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas, and is currently attending Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn. He is currently youth minister of Raleigh North Baptist Church in Millington.

Wayne Shockley, music director of the local church, will be leading the music nightly. There will be a special music night.

Rev. Luther Abbott, church pastor, invites the public to attend this special event.

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Obituaries



Irene Haug

Edith Irene (Mathews) Haug, 84, of Granite City died at 3:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 23, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she had been a patient three months. She had been ill several years.

Born in Granite City on Feb. 8, 1909, she was a lifelong resident and a homemaker.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church and the Order of Eastern Star, Gabriel White Shrine, Royal Neighbors, Ladies Club, and served as past national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

Survivors include her son, Lorne L. Haug of Gorham, Ill.; her daughter, Julia N. Ward of Granite City; a brother, M. Ellis Mathews of Granite City; four sisters, Alta M. Turner of Green Bay, Wis., and Opal Landman, Marceline Davy and Dorothea Jones, all of Granite City; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred H. Haug, who died in 1983; her parents, Mark and Ella (Daniell) Mathews; a brother, Ed Mathews; and a sister, Golda Boyer.

Visitation was held Wednesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 220 Pontoon Road, Granite City, where services were held at 11 a.m. today by the Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested for First Presbyterian Church, Granite City.

Robert Simpson

Robert W. Simpson, 59, of Granite City, formerly of Collinsville, died at 6:10 a.m. Monday, March 22, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, in Granite City.

Born in Desloge, Mo., on March 17, 1934, he had been a resident of Granite City for five years. He was a machine operator for eight years at Clavin Cabinet Co., St. Louis, and a member of the Presbyterian church.

Survivors include his brother, Harold D. Simpson of Collinsville, and two sisters, Marilyn Ruth Jones and Loretta Gibson, both of Bonne Terre, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel (Traster) Simpson; his parents, Dee and Frankie (Wigger) Simpson; a brother, Donald L. Simpson, who died in 1986; and two sisters, Norma Jean Misker, who died in 1981, and Bonnie L. Herring, who died in 1988.

There will be no visitation. His remains were cremated. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 26, at St. John Cemetery, 2901 Normandale Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Jack Kelly officiating. Arrangements are by Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach.

Memorials are suggested for the charity of the donor's choice.

Forrest Barnett

Forrest Barnett, 71, of Cahokia died Monday, March 22, 1993, at Centreville Township Hospital.

Born in Murphysboro, Ill., on April 17, 1922, he retired in 1982 as a parts handler for General Motors, St. Louis, where he worked for over 33 years. He was a member of United Auto Workers Local 25 and Freeburg Masonic Lodge No. 10, and a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include two daughters, Carlene Johnson of Cahokia and Stella Roseman of Granite City; six sons, Carl Barnett Jr. of Cahokia, Forrest Barnett, and Dale Haefner, both of St. Louis; Fred Barnett and Daniel Haefner, both of St. Louis; and Kasel Barnett of Centreville; a sister, Gloria Fischer of Murphysboro; a brother, Dean Barnett of Murphysboro; 27 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Stella I. (Wirtz) Barnett; his parents, John and Martha (McClay) Barnett; two brothers, Daniel Barnett and Carl Barnett Sr.; and two sisters, Lillie Harris and Wanda Barnett.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. today at Kassly Colonial Chapel, 900 St. Clair Ave., Fairview Heights, with the Rev. Hal Salas officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville.

Memorials are suggested for the American Cancer Society.



Donelda Holzum

Donelda J. (Morgan) Holzum, 71, of Granite City, formerly of St. Charles, Mo., died at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 1993, at St. Anthony's Medical Center, St. Louis, where she had been a patient since Feb. 17. She was ill since 1984.

Born in Sandusky, Ohio, on June 18, 1921, she had been a resident of Granite City since 1977. She was employed for 11 years as a bus servicer for Greyhound Bus Co. until disability retirement in 1971. She was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Granite City. Survivors include her husband, Joseph Holzum, who died in 1988; three daughters, Dorothy Morris of Granite City; Cecilia Alonso of Newberg, Mo., and Donelda of Collinsville; two sons, Karl Schreider of Granite City and Douglas Schroeder of Caseyville; a sister, Hazel Marquis of Smithton; 22 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Stephen and Adelaine (Bald) Morgan, and two brothers, Glen and Harold Morgan.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Irwin Chapel, 3900 Pontoon Road, Granite City, where preliminary services will be held at 6:30 p.m. today. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Pontoon and Johnson Ave., Granite City, with the Rev. Robert DeGraw officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Granite City.

Floyd Taylor

Floyd K. "Bud" Taylor, 72, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., formerly of Granite City, died Friday, March 19, 1993, at Broward General Hospital in Florida.

Born in Granite City on May 4, 1921, he had been a resident of Fort Lauderdale for the past 33 years and a former 40-year resident of Granite City.

He was employed as an operator for John H. Taylor Moving and Storage, Granite City. He was of the Presbyterian faith and served as a member of the First Lodge 1063 in Granite City in 1950-51.

Survivors include two sisters, Violet Thurau of Charlotte, N.C., and Betty Doughty of Pleasant Hill, Calif.; a brother, John Taylor of Granite City; two brothers, Pamela, Hockley of Columbia, S.C., and Sheila Leibold of Anchorage, Alaska; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Taylor, and his parents, John H. and Nellie Mae (Wilson) Taylor.

A memorial service was held Sunday, March 21, in Fort Lauderdale. Cremation and burial also took place in Fort Lauderdale.

Shelila Willis

Shelila Willis, 33, of Madison was pronounced dead in her apartment at 8:09 p.m. Friday, March 19, 1993, the victim of multiple stab wounds.

Born Dec. 29, 1960, she was a lifelong resident of the Metro East area.

She was a member of New Salem Baptist Church, Venice.

Survivors include her mother, Marlene Willis of Madison; a daughter, Valeria Willis of Collinsville; and five brothers, Harvey Willis, James A. Willis and Albie Willis, all of Madison, Larion Willis of Alton, and Todd Willis of Mount Vernon.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Officer Funeral Home Chapel, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis. Funeral services will be held at noon Saturday at Iris Grove Freewill Baptist Church, East St. Louis. Burial will be at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt.

Assertrive

training set

Jan Fectee of Mental Health Services of Southern Madison County will present an Assertrive Training workshop on six consecutive Thursdays beginning April 1.

The sessions will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 and May 6 at the Mental Health Services building, 50 Nogginwood Industrial Drive, Granite City.

The workshop is open to any adult 18 or older and is designed to teach persons to communicate more effectively and learn to be assertive.

The cost is \$5 per session plus \$6 for a workbook. All six sessions may be attended for \$25 if paid before or at the first session.

For more information or to register, the number is 877-4420.

He had been a member of Collinsville Masons, Ainaad Shrine

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Temple, Scottish Rite of Belleville, the American Federation of Teachers, Collinsville School Board, American Legion Post 365 in Collinsville, B.I. State Red Cross and a lifetime member of the PTA. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly (James) Snedecor, whom he married June 28, 1947, in St. Louis; four daughters, Irene, Pamela of Glen Carbon, Dorene Donayre of Collinsville, and Versa E. Stokes of Elvins, Mo.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John J. and Elizabeth (Yates) Snedecor; seven brothers; and one sister.

Services were held Thursday, March 24, at Herbert A. Johnson Funeral Home, with the Rev. Larry Moore officiating. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Collinsville.

Memorials are suggested for the American Red Cross Fund or First Assembly of God Church in Collinsville.

He was the assistant manager for the Canada Dry Bottling plant, and was employed three years by the township highway department. Blockley, and his wife, Linda, reside in Locality 42, and in heavy construction building projects, with Teamsters Local 522.

He was a member of the PAP slate are aware of all tax exemptions that are available to the homeowners of the township but that are not offered unless you personally apply for them.

He would keep all services informed of all Homestead Exemptions. I strongly encourage government of the people administered by civic-minded leaders who have the interest of the township as their primary and who cannot be influenced by anyone other than the people they represent," Barthelemy said.

Peggy Lachmiller, 33, is the PAP candidate for collector. She and her husband, Raymond, reside in the 4000 block of Garden Lane.

Lachmiller is a member of People for Ethical Treatment of Animals, Green Peace, and Animal Protection International.

"I am sure my business experience will help organize the highway department into an active part of township government, we will serve as high priority," Lachmiller said.

Blockley, 42, is seeking the assessor's position at the township. He is a single resident of the township.

"I am sure my business experience will help organize the highway department into an active part of township government, we will serve as high priority," Lachmiller said.

He is a scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 80, and Webelos leader for Cub Scout Pack 80. He was co-founder and two-term president of the State Park Mounds Youth Association in 1975 and is a member of the National Gardening Association, National Wildlife Federation and Nature Conservancy.

"I am sure my business experience will help offer quality local government responsive to the needs and desires of local citizens, in a fair and open manner, regardless of political affiliation," Lachmiller said.

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FAMILY

Granite City Press-Record, Thursday, March 25, 1993—9A

Briefly

Butler honors Robert Haack

Robert R. Haack of Granite City has been named to the dean's list at Butler University in Indianapolis for the fall 1992-93 semester.

Robert is a sophomore majoring in actuarial science with a grade point average of 3.9 on a scale of 4.0. In addition, he has recently completed the first in a series of exams given by the Society of Actuaries.

Robert is the son of Richard and Fran Haack of Granite City.



Haack

2 named to honor list

The University of Missouri-Rolla has announced that two local students made the honor list for the winter semester.

Those on the list carried a minimum of 12 hours and had grade point averages of 3.2 or above out of a possible 4.0.

Named to the list were Neil D. Dettwiler of Granite City, a senior majoring in Computer Science; and Robert Brian Ribbing of Granite City, a freshman majoring in Engineering.

Seiz cited by pharmacy school

Brian James Seiz of Granite City has been named to the dean's list at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy for the 1992-93 fall semester.

Seiz is the son of Jim and Diane Seiz, and is a 1992 graduate of Granite City Senior High School.

ISU honors Rebecca Garcia

Rebecca Marie Garcia of Granite City has qualified for inclusion in the dean's list at Iowa State University.

David C. Glenn-Lewin, interim director of ISU, congratulated Garcia: "There is nothing more gratifying to a teacher than to see a strong performance by students; and I know you are a source of pride to your family and friends as well. Thank you for representing so admirably the educational goals of this college."

Rebecca is a graduate of Granite City Senior High School.

Gargac to sing with choir

Anne Gargac was selected to sing with the St. Louis Metro District of the Missouri Music Educators Association Honors Choir at Francis Howell North High School.

The choir performed under the direction of Raynard Brown of Lebanon, Mo., a renowned choir conductor from the South-Central region of MMEA.

Anne is a junior at St. Elizabeth Academy in St. Louis and is the daughter of Donald and Mary Ann Gargac of Granite City.



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"Picture the Music" Contest winners at Wilson Elementary School are: front row, from left, Christine Brand, Melodi Winters, Keith Shuppert, Angel Smith; back row, from left, Alicia Poplichak, music teacher at Wilson School; Kris Ruskovsky, Randall Simmons and Amy Wilson.

Wilson students in music contest

The 1993 "Picture the Music" contest, sponsored by St. Louis Symphony Orchestra was held in February at Wilson Elementary School. Music students of Alicia Poplichak studied several orchestral selections performed on tape by the world-renowned symphony orchestra. After their study, contestants drew pictures depicting a particular selection they studied.

One winning picture was selected from each grade level. Those pictures have been submitted to the St. Louis contest for further judging later this month.

All Wilson contestants received certificates of participation. Trophies and certificates were also awarded for honorable mention and top winners at a recognition assembly hosted by the Wilson School principal, Kathleen McBride, earlier in the month.

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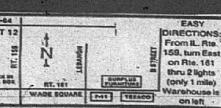
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Prather to jump rope for heart

Prather Elementary students will jump into the fight against heart disease today.

Jump Rope For Heart, an annual event that raises funds for the American Heart Association, is expected to draw more than 150 students this year. The American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and local physical education teachers sponsor the event.

Students will ask family, friends and neighbors to sponsor them by giving money for each minute their team jumps in the event.

The money will fund the AHA's year-round health research, public education and community programs, as well as American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance programs. Last year, Prather raised \$2,278 with this event.

In addition, students will learn about their hearts and healthy living.

"When you recognize that heart diseases are America's leading cause of death, you realize how important it is to support this effort," said Sharon Shaffner and Leigh Heller, Jump Rope For Heart coordinators in Granite City.

"Jump Rope For Heart not only supports the AHA's cardiovascular research and educational programs, but also teaches students the benefits of regular exercise to help keep their hearts healthy. That's the goal of the American Alliance, too."

FAMILY

Debevc-Dutko

Jennifer Debevc, daughter of Vickie and Kathy Debevc of Granite City, and Terry Dutko, son of Terry and Judy Dutko of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Granite City High School currently attending Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and will graduate in June 1993 with a major in chemical education and senior status.

Her fiance is a 1986 graduate of Granite City High School, a 1990 graduate of St. Louis University with a BA in chemistry, and a 1992 graduate of SLU with a MS in chemistry. He is employed by Industrial Testing Laboratories in St. Louis as a chemist.

Kimmel awards banquet April 1 at SIUE

Tickets are still available for the Kimmel Leadership Awards Banquet, set for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Meridian Hall in the University Center on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Eleven recipients of the Kimmel Community Service Award will be honored. The recipients of the Kimmel Scholarship, the annual awards and scholarship were established to encourage selected community members and students for dedication and contributions to community volunteer service as exemplified by Carol Kimmel, a former member of the SIU Board of Trustees, who continues to give freely of her time and talent to volunteerism.

For more information about tickets or to order them, call the SIUE Office of Conferences and Institutes, 692-2660, or, from St. Louis toll-free, 314-621-5168, ext. 2660.



Jennifer Debevc and Terry Dutko

DeAnn Weidner, daughter of William and Jeanne Weidner of Madison, and Steven "Gus" Bridick, son of Charles and Karen Bridick of Madison and Johnnie and Sharon Rollins of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Madison Senior High

School and an elementary education student at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Her fiance is a 1987 graduate of Madison Senior High School and is employed by Madison County Housing Authority and the Madison Volunteer Fire Department.

A wedding date has not been set.



DeAnn Weidner and Steven Bridick

First Presbyterian deacons meet

The First Presbyterian Church held its deacon meeting Feb. 1. New officers elected for the 1993 year were: Loren Davis, chairman; and Laura Grote, secretary.

Committees were formed and have many things planned for the new year.

Those present for the meeting were: Diane Wheeler, Zig Hascany, Charles Cross, Carol Miller, Leroy Ebrecht, Loren Davis, Thomas Earls, Laura Grote, George Slattery, Mary Woll, Shirley Decourcy, Mary McIlroy, Ron Owens, Jolene Scott, Kathy Schooley, Esther Vasileff, and Dr. Trotter.

First Presbyterian Church is located at 22nd and Delmar in Granite City.

Mayoral Candidate Debate April 5

All 10 Granite City mayoral candidates have agreed to participate in a debate sponsored by the *Granite City Press-Record/Journal* at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 5, in the Granite City High School Auditorium.

Citizens are being asked to submit questions for the candidates. Questions should be submitted in writing to Debate Question, *Granite City Press-Record/Journal*, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

Questioners should include name, address and phone number on the question.

Questions to be asked will be selected by a panel of newspaper reporters and editors, who will then ask the candidates the questions at the debate.

The 10 candidates in ballot order, are Alderman Paul Fisk, Alderman Jeff Worthen, Alderman Walter Milton, businessman and body-builder Dan McGuire, restaurant owner Archie Lopardus, Alderman Dan Brown, Joseph McGinness, former assistant police chief Ron Selph, James Bailey Sr. and Steve Bolling.



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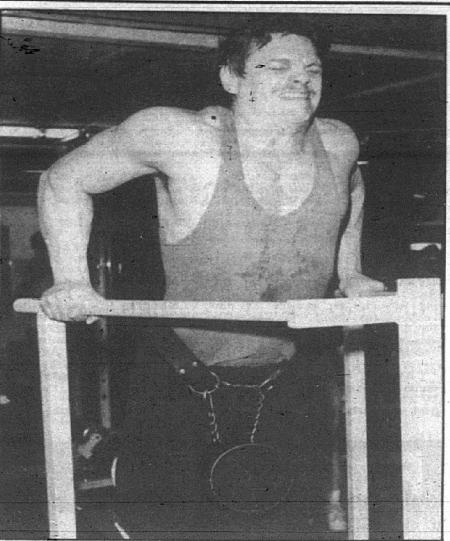
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Sports



(Staff photo by JOHN SWITAK)
Ron Carich holds the national record for blind lifters in the bench press.

Power driven

Blind weightlifter's rise uplifting to watch

By David Wilhelm
Staff writer

Most people have made New Year's resolutions only to break them a short time later. But on New Year's Eve 1988, Ron Carich of Collinsville made a resolution he continues to fulfill today.

There was nothing unusual about the resolution. In fact, it's probably one most frequently made each year. Carich and stepbrother Phillip Humphrey agreed to dedicate 1989 to better health.

THEIR AVENUE: weightlifting. And just four years later, Carich, is one of the top powerlifters in the country, having won regional and national meets in the bench press — his specialty — and will toll in his first international competition late in '89.

Standing alone, his accomplishments are remarkable. Factitious Carich's blindfold and feats are heartwarming and uplifting. Carich is a winner, and it's (See Carich, Page 2B)

Young arms to lead Lady Warrior softball this season

By R.J. Gerber
Staff writer

For the first time in John Hutchings' 10 years with the Granite City softball program, the incoming freshmen are experienced and confident — a direct result of easily start in the city park leagues.

Hutchings, who begins his fourth season as the head coach after serving six years as an assistant, has assembled group of young athletes that he's advancing on this season. The Lady Warriors have only two seniors on their varsity roster.

Because of an added interest in summer leagues and instruction, the softball team is far behind as some of its counterparts, as has been the case in the past.

Joining junior right-hander

Kari Buckingham in the Lady Warrior pitching rotation is a quartet of first-year high school players. Left-hander Jennifer Willis and right-handers Jill Tansley, Jill Wozniak and Jamie Wallace all entered their freshman seasons as experienced hurlers.

In past years, the Lady Warriors would still be concentrating on simple fundamentals and mechanics. But with the advancement in players' talent, Hutchings is expecting an improvement on last season's 6-18 record.

"This is the first year that we're really starting to see some benefits," Hutchings said of the young team. "These kids have the ability to pitch. We haven't had more than one prospect at a time before.

"In the future, we ought to be

Lady Warrior soccer team senior laden, strong as ever

Baker's girls on track for another big season

By Tony Panizzo
Staff writer

After contending for a state title the past three seasons, an experience-rich Lady Warrior soccer team is hoping this could be The Year.

But before Granite City starts making plans for the postseason, there is a regular season to be played. Weather permitting, the Lady Warriors begin Saturday with a game at Alton.

Granite City coach Gene Baker, as always, is taking it one game at a time.

"Hopefully, we'll be ready if the weather cooperates," said Baker, who entered his sixth year with the Lady Warriors at 74-21-6 overall. "It's going to be a step-by-step thing. We want one thing at a time. We want to play in such a way that reflects how competitive we are."

After we are

Schedule

3/27 ALTON	1 p.m.
3/29 ROXANA	4 p.m.
4/1 MUSCATOWAH	4 p.m.
4/1 WOOD RIVER	4:30 p.m.
4/6 COLLINSVILLE	4:30 p.m.
4/12 CARBONDALE	4:30 p.m.
4/15 ALTON	4:30 p.m.
4/19 MCCULLIER NORTH	6 p.m.
4/21 EAST ST. LOUIS	6 p.m.
4/26/5/1 ST. DOMINIC TOURNAMENT	TBA
5/1 BETHLEHEM	5 p.m.
5/3 HAZELWOOD CENTRAL	5 p.m.
5/10 COLLINSVILLE	4 p.m.
5/13 HAZELWOOD EAST	4 p.m.
5/15 EAST ST. LOUIS	4 p.m.
5/19 O'FALLON	6 p.m.
5/23-25/2 CLASS AA SECTIONAL	TBA
5/24-26/2 STATE TOURNAMENT	TBA

Home games in ALL CAPS.

also has eight juniors, 13 sophomores and five freshmen to work with. Virgin Kirksey will serve as the junior varsity coach.

The Lady Warriors will be led by their talented senior class: goalkeeper Stephanie Kult, sweepers Beth Rapoff, stopper Jill Gosselin and wingbacks Tammy Dutko, Seanne Stuart, Michelle Knox, Ann Logan and Stacy Johnson.

Each player was a member of the Lady Warrior team that placed fourth in the state tournament two years ago.

"It's a fine group," Baker said. "They have some confidence and trust in each other. We need to get a lot of leadership of them."

That seems likely, considering most of the team's seniors are honor students and some will be playing college soccer next year.

Kult, an all-state candidate the past two seasons, will be moving on to Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

"She's awfully hard to score

(See Girls, Page 2B)

Granite City's Rapoff signs with Evansville

By Tony Panizzo
Staff writer

Lady Warrior soccer player Beth Rapoff will get a fresh start next year at the University of Evansville, and so will her team.

Rapoff, who signed earlier this month to play at Evansville, will be a part of uncharted territory at Evansville next season when she takes the field for the Purple Aces. The women's soccer team at the southern Indiana school

was elevated from club status to the NCAA Division I level this year.

Coach Mick Lyon, a former Evansville men's player and assistant coach, said he is excited about the prospect of playing teams like Notre Dame, Butler and Xavier.

Evansville will compete in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference.

He added it will be quite a challenge for Rapoff and his other first-year players.

"We'll have our work cut out for us," Lyon said. "Our schedule will be very strong for a new program."

"(Rapoff) will come in and start for us. She's going to have a chance to compete against the best teams in the country."

(See Rapoff, Page 2B)

Jaros makes Showcase team; Goclan left off

By Tony Panizzo
Staff writer

Granite City hockey players Mike Jaros and Chris Goclan had to part ways on the ice a little sooner than expected recently when either the Chicago Showcase team were made.

The two seniors, who led the Warriors to the Mid-States Club Hockey Association American Conference this year, both tried out for a team of select St. Louis-area players after the end

of the season. While Jaros made the Showcase team for the sec-

ond straight year, Goclan was again left off.

Goclan left his team — as well as the Mid-States league — in scoring the most with 49 goals. Granite City coach Jake Hintersher was hoping Goclan could have the opportunity to impress the right people to college scouts who will be on hand for the Chicago Showcase event.

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(See Softball, Page 2B)

looking pretty good. These kids have a good attitude and they want to be pitchers. We've never had that true concern."

The problem facing Hutchings is that he has so many versatile players, he doesn't know who will play where. Some coaches might be envious of that predicament. But without being able to get outside help on the matter, Hutchings doesn't quite know what to expect when the Lady Warriors open their season Tuesday with a 4:15 home game against Roxana.

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5/3 CIVIC MEMORIAL	4:15 p.m.
5/6 BELLEVILLE EAST	4:15 p.m.
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5/13 EAST ST. LOUIS	4:15 p.m.
5/15 GC TOURNAMENT	10 a.m.
5/16 BELLEVILLE	4:15 p.m.
5/19 TROJANS	4:15 p.m.
5/21 CALHOUN	4 p.m.
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5/27 STATE TOURNAMENT	TBA
6/10-11 STATE TOURNAMENT	TBA

Home games in ALL CAPS.

Donkey basketball next Wednesday at high school

By T.W. Miller

The Granite City Steel Softball Association will be holding a men's Class D slow pitch and a women's slow pitch tournament April 16-18. The games will be held at the GCSSA fields.

Entry fees are \$100. For more information call Gary Hunter at 452-5500, Ray Hunter at 931-5634 or Tim Morton at 877-7745.

The cost is \$3 in advance and \$4 at the door for students and adults. The cost for elementary students and senior citizens is \$1 in advance and \$2 at the door.

Section B

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Journal Writers' Poll Boys Basketball

Large Schools

1. De Soto (1)	29-2
2. Roxana (3)	21-7
3. East St. Louis (2)	19-8
4. Vashon (4)	25-3
5. St. Charles West (5)	10-11
6. Edwardsville (7)	24-7
7. DeSmet (6)	23-5
8. Glen Carbon (9R)	19-10
9. Alton (10)	21-7
10. Collinsville (10)	20-8

Others receiving votes: Roosevelt, Fox

Small Schools

1. Jennings (1)	27-4
2. Troy (2)	24-4
3. Ferne (3)	21-7
4. Alton North (4)	19-11
5. Cardinal Ritter (5)	18-10
6. Columbia (6)	19-10
7. Redwood (5)	20-6
8. Parkview (6)	17-7
9. Hazelwood East (9)	18-9
10. Parkway North (10)	17-9

Others receiving votes: Rosary, Gibault

Journal Writers' Poll Girls Basketball

Large Schools

1. St. Joseph's (1)	28-0
2. Northview (2)	26-5
3. Edwardsville (3)	25-3
4. (tie) Nerinx Hall (4)	22-2
5. Lincoln (6)	20-6
6. John Burroughs (6)	25-5
7. Rosati-Kain (7)	18-10
8. Edwardsville (8)	18-8
9. Lutheran North (9)	18-8
10. Lutheran South (10)	18-15

Others receiving votes: Principia, Oakville, Fox

Small Schools

1. Incarnate Word (1)	28-3
2. Visitation (2)	20-8
3. Wescilin (3)	25-3
4. (tie) Troy (4)	18-8
5. Wescilin (5)	24-4
6. John Burroughs (6)	25-5
7. Rosati-Kain (7)	18-10
8. Edwardsville (8)	18-8
9. Lutheran North (9)	18-8
10. Lutheran South (10)	18-15

Others receiving votes: Principia

Sports briefs

Booster Club

Scramble tourney

May 23 at Legacy

The third annual Granite City Booster Club's girls' scramble will be held May 23 at the Legacy Golf Club.

The participation fee for a foursome is \$200. It includes greens fees, carts, refreshments, dinner and team and attorney prizes. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit Granite City athletic and cheerleading programs.

For more information, call Gary Patten at 451-5508, Jerry Butler at 877-7659 or Gary Sturdvant at 931-5026.

GCSSA holding men's, women's tourney April 16-18

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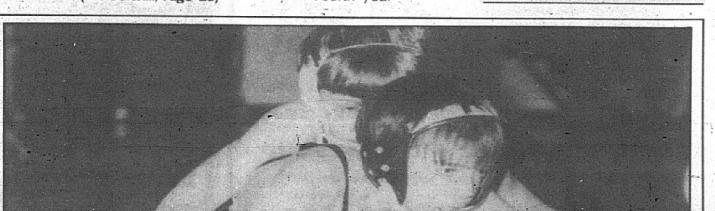
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Atom T-Ball team needs players

A Granite City Park District Atom T-Ball team is in need of players born between September 1984 and December 1985. For more information, call Beverly Meyer at 451-5739.

Chiefs baseball team looking for players

Anyone interested in playing for the Granite City Chiefs men's baseball team should call Dennis Gunkin before 9 p.m. at 877-1385. The season will begin sometime in May.



Mat Rats — Nine-year-old wrestler Jacob Tartari prepares to escape from the down position at Saturday's Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation sectional meet at Granite City High School. Coolidge Junior High qualified 11 wrestlers for the IKWF state meet, which will be held Saturday at Illinois State University in Normal.

(Photo by T.W. MILLER)

•Girls

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upon," Baker said. "Our backfield should be very steady. Our backs can score."

The Lady Warriors also have consideration to play in the senior, more and junior classes. Two of the team's forwards, Holly Farnsworth and Brooke Bjorkman, are proven scorers. Farnsworth is a sophomore, and Bjorkman is a junior.

Granite City will also depend on two key midfielders, Kami Kessel and Tonya Genovese. Kessel is a junior, and Genovese is a sophomore.

The rest of the junior class consists of twins Debra and Denise Dutko, Mikala Economy, Lynay Evans, Jill Haddix and Misty Reagan. Baker said the

Dutko twins and Evans are possible starters.

The team's leading sophomores are Farnsworth, Genovese, Christy Castillo, Jennifer Spina, Valerie Hasty and Shelly Dowdy. Other second-year players include Kara Giesen, Amy Henson, Penny Kreher, Amy Rosenberg, Kelly Thomas, Selena Turnbough and Kelley Kele.

The freshman hopefuls are Eric Ellis, Jennifer Hendrickson, Marcie Holisinger, Andrea Knox and Denise McMillian.

"We might double a few players back and forth between sophomore, varsity and varsity, because we feel there's a lot of potential there," Baker said.

"The key is we're really trying to compete within ourselves."

The Lady Warriors will get plenty of tests from the opposition this year. Their schedule features games against several St. Louis schools, including McCluer North, Incarnate Word, Hazelwood Central and Hazelwood South.

The Lady Warriors will also play in the St. Dominic Tournament from April 26-May 1, and they will meet Collinsville twice.

"We have a very competitive schedule," Baker said. "We'll run across some strong schools."

The Lady Warriors are coming off a 17-4 season. They battled injuries all year, and they were eliminated by Collinsville in sectionals.

"We had a lot to be proud of with all the injuries," Baker said. "We had a good year."

•Softball

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kids that can handle it."

Junior catcher Nikki Coulter is back to handle the pitching staff after starting as a sophomore, and fellow junior Tonya Carpenter could see some action as Carpenter's backup as well as at other positions.

First base will be competed for by the freshman pitchers, and second base will be handled by junior Kristi Melton and senior Erin Davis. Last season's second baseman, Jessica Thomas, should get the call at shortstop. Hutchings said third base is another position that is still open, but sophomore Vanesa Dillard could win the starting

slot.

The outfield positions are being battled for by a group of sophomores, including the sisters Amy Dean and Robin Cain and Terri Yurko. Yurko could also get some playing time at first base. In left field, sophomore Julie Bonnenhauer and junior Sheila Heil are competing for action.

Hutchings said he will field one of the quickest teams he has ever had. Thomas, Dillard, Coulter and Carpenter can all get on the line in a hurry.

"This is a mix of our faster teams," Hutchings said. "We ought to be able to leg out some hits. If we can just put the ball in play, we'll make some things

happen."

Hutchings said sophomores Hether Bain, Kellie Dellamano, Joann Grobroski, Jamie Kudela and Selena Sodabres could also see some action on the varsity level this year.

After losing eight games by two runs in the last two weeks, Hutchings knows the Warrior program is about to get over the hump. Being competitive and supporting each other is what Hutchings preaches to his squad.

"We want to be competitive and have fun," he said. "We ought to be able to get over the hump. Being competitive and supporting each other is what we've got."

•Showcase

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but they felt like they would lean more toward the sophomores and juniors.

Goclan plans to attend Logan College, a chiropractic school in St. Louis County, and try out for a Junior B team next fall.

Jars, who already plays for the Long Junior Blues, will simply add to his lengthy portfolio.

•Rapoff

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Lyon said he saw Rapoff when the senior sweeper was playing for the Norco club team of St. Louis. Norco played the Evansville club team, and Norco coach John Schneider recommended Rapoff to Lyon.

"He rated Both as one of his best players," Lyon said.

"She'll be a great asset. I look for her to come right in and

organize the backfield."

Rapoff is one of eight Granite City seniors who plan on attending college and playing soccer. Stephanie Kult will be attending SIUE, Tammy Dutko is headed for LCCC and Suzanne Sodabres has chosen Lindenwood College.

Lady Warrior coach Gene Baker said Michelle Knox, Julie Goclan, Staci Johnson and Ann Logan are still in the running for scholarships.

lio when he plays in the Chicago Showcase on April 16-18.

"It will be great exposure for him," Hinterser said. "There will be many Division I college coaches there. But he'll probably be drafted next year and elect to play Junior A."

Jars scored 48 goals this season. He and Goclan capped off their prep careers in style March 1 when the Warriors won



Ahead of the field — Rugby player Eric R. Achenbach was the leading scorer for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point this season. Achenbach scored 143 points for Army, which went 11-2. When Army defeated Air Force 12-0, Achenbach scored all 12 points and was named athlete of the week for the 4,000 member brigade. Achenbach's parents are Phil and Joan Achenbach of Granite City.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Finney yields to demands of character in 'Rich in Love'

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

Albert Finney describes "the emotional and physical journey" of his character in his latest film, "Rich in Love," as one of the most demanding parts of the role.

Finney appears as Warren Odom, a colorful Southern gentleman who is devastated by the sudden departure of his wife, Helen,

played by Jill Clayburgh.

"After the initial shock of his wife leaving," Finney said, "my character is numb, and the numbness is seen in a degree of denial."

So complete was Finney's metamorphosis that director Bruce Beresford remembered that even the film crew was amazed.

"We were filming a scene where Albert's character is revitalized, and someone on the

crew came up to me and asked if he had lost weight," Beresford said.

"Actually, Albert couldn't have lost much weight in that short period of time. It was just something he was able to infer physically in his ability to suggest every phase of his character, almost telepathically."

Finney arrived in Charleston, S.C., where "Rich in Love" was shot, after completing a movie in which he had an Irish accent. To master the vocal transition from Dublin to Charleston, Finney started speaking with a Southern accent as soon as he stepped off the plane.

"I asked for a driver from South Carolina so I could chat with him going to and from work," Finney said.

Husband and wife producers Richard D. Zanuck and Lili Fini Zanuck teamed up with director Bruce Beresford and star Alfred Berard for "Rich in Love."

The project marks a reunion for the team that created the Academy Award-winning Best Picture "Driving Miss Daisy" in 1989.

Richard Zanuck describes "Rich in Love" as a contemporary family drama. "It was very funny, very emotional, and although the situation could happen to any-



Albert Finney and Jill Clayburgh star as Warren and Helen Odom, whose ending marriage leads them to discover a new relationship, in "Rich in Love."

family, it took what I felt was a different turn," he said.

Lili Zanuck said the idiosyncrasies of the characters should be both refreshing and familiar to audiences. "Here was a domestic drama that really focused on the eccentricities of its characters," she said. "I found that it was reassuring. Family members can be quite eccentric."

Richard Zanuck says one word captures the essence of the film.

"Rich in Love" is about change in people's lives and how they emerge from it and are

better for it," he said. "It's very reaffirming that change can bring about growth."

'In Love' not rich in scripting

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

In "Rich in Love," the respected English actor Albert Finney is a victim of his own marital problems. Well, sort of. Finney detected "Rich in Love" is never as totally endearing as I'm certain it originally set out to be.

Finney's character, Warren Odom, arrives home one day to learn that his wife Helen, played by Jill Clayburgh, has abruptly left him. She abandons a car full of groceries and leaves a note saying she has bolted to start a second life.

Warren, who spends a lot of time eating junk food and living in his pajamas. His loving 17-year-old daughter Lucille, played by Kathryn Erbe, takes over the household and slowly tries to lead her dad back into the world of the emotionally alive.

The effort costs Lucille a budding romance and her high school graduation.

Parents in the Odom family pick up with the arrival of Lucille's newly married sister, Rae Odom, played by Suzy Amis. Rae's husband, Billy, played by Kyle MacLachlan, tags along and is clearly bemused by the Odom family's quaint temperaments.

Two other key players in the Odom family's readjustment are Rhody Poole, a local nightclub owner — played by Alfie Woodard — who knows more about the Odoms than they realize, and a local hairdresser, played by Piper Laurie, who wants to make Warren her husband.

"Rich in Love" hampers Finney with its lack of depth, but he still manages to make Warren an engaging, humorous character.

The serious consequences of what is actually going on in the film are treated with soap-opera theatrics.



Suzy Amis, left, and Kyle MacLachlan star as newlyweds whose life together begins with the upheaval of her family, turmoil in their young marriage and the arrival of their first child, in "Rich in Love."

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